

Remarks/Arguments

Claim 1 remains in the application. A Request For Continued Examination accompanies this paper, along with a Request for an Extension of Time to Respond. Reconsideration and reexamination are requested.

In the Advisory Action mailed April 7, 2006 the Examiner has indicated that the use of the closed language "consisting of" required further consideration. Claim 1 herein is presented with the language "consisting of" for consideration by the Examiner.

The Examiner had further indicated, with reference to claim 1 presented in Amendment G, that Feng, et al. ('299) specifically teaches that for polymers such as PVC and ABS, laser energy additives are not required because both PVC and ABS readily absorb laser energy (col. 1, lines 31-41 of '299). Claim 1 has been amended to remove the reference to polyvinyl chloride (PVC) and acrylonitrile butadiene styrene (ABS).

Therefore, it is believed that neither Filion, et al. ('630) nor Feng, et al. ('299), taken alone or in combination, teach or suggest the features of the invention recited in amended claim 1. In consideration of the amendments to the claim and the remarks hereinabove, Applicants respectfully submits that claim 1 as currently pending in the application is believed to be in condition for allowance. Re-examination and reconsideration is requested. Allowance at an early date is respectfully solicited.

In the event the Examiner deems personal contact is necessary, please contact the undersigned attorney at (603) 668-6560.

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